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The University of Dayton

News Release

THE LIAR TO BE PRESENTED AT UD

DAYTON, Ohio, October 6, 1986--The University of Dayton Department of Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) will present The Liar on October 16, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. in Boll Theatre. According to Lawrence Selka, director and UD faculty member, the play is "an eighteenth-century 'Saturday Night Live'."

The story takes place in a Venetian plaza and focuses on Lelio, the liar, played by Drew Engel, as he concocts a series of half-truths in his pursuit of the beautiful Rosaura, played by Jennifer Wickham.

Written by Carlos Goldoni, the play is a typical example of the improvisational Comedia dell Arte, a descendant of Greek and Roman mimes that developed as a reaction to French neo-classicism, according to Selka. "The plot is very, very thin--it's basically an excuse for physical comedy," said Selka.

General admission to the play is \$4. Student, staff, and faculty tickets are \$2. Season tickets for the 1986-87 season are \$10, or \$5 for students, staff, and faculty.

PVA will also sponsor performances of Sweet Charity January 30 and 31 and February 5-7. Baby with the Bath Water will be presented March 19-21.

Call PVA at 229-3950 for more information.

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